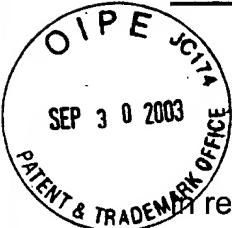


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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 30, 2003, (hereinafter "outstanding Action") with the response time falling within the shortened statutory period, please reconsider the above-referenced application in view of the amendments set forth below.

